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SUBJECT:CISL MINORITY MEETING

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. WHILE POPULAR SUPPORT SEEMS TO EXIST WITHIN THE CISL MINORITY FOR SECESSION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION, IT IS UNLIKELY TO RESULT FROM THE CURRENT MINORITY MEETING IN ROME. END SUMMARY.

2. CISL MINORITY MEETING WITH APPROXIMATELY 500 DELEGATES ATTENDING BEGAN AS SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 13 WITH OPENING STATEMENTS BY VITO SCALIA

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PAOLO SARTORI AND ENZO LEOLINI. WHILE SECESSION WAS IN THE AIR, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY TO RESULT FROM THIS MEETING. WHEN ONE OF THE MORE UNDISCIPLINED DELEGATES PROPOSED HOLDING A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH A NEW UNION "IN THE AUTHENTIC CISL TRADITIONAL OF PASTORE" HE WAS WILDLY APPLAUDED AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING, PASQUALE IANNONE, HAD DIFFICULTY IN RESTORING ORDER. NEVERTHELSS, SARTORI'S LINE OF WORKING FROM WITHIN CISL TO AVOID UNION WITH AND DOMINATION BY CGIL PREVAILED.

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3. SCALIA SAID UNION PROGRESS WAS HALTED IN 1969 WHEN CISL AND THE FREE LABOR MOVEMENT FELL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CGIL AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY. LEOLINI OBSERVED THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS HAVE ALREADY BECOME THE SPOKESMEN FOR THE CGIL. SARTORI WAS CAREFUL, HOWEVER, TO EMPHASIZE THAT DESPITE DIFFERENCES WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF CISL, HIS FARMWORKERS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FROM WITHIN IN ORDER TO RESTORE TO CISL ITS HISTORIC ROLE AS A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC UNION.

4. COMMENT: SARTORI WITH HIS 300,000 STRONG FARMWORKERS ORGANIZATION REMAINS ESSENTIAL TO SCALIA'S ASPIRATION TO ESTABLISH A NEW DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION. ACCORDING TO GIOACCHINO FERIOLI, AIDE TO UIL CHIEF VANNI (PLEIYELWSOECT), SARTORI CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN DISCREET CONTACT WITH UIL SECRETARY GENREAL VANNI. BOTH SARTORI AND VANNI ARE MORE CAUTIOUS THAN SCALIA, HOWEVER, AND WOULD NOT PRE-ANNOUNCE ANY INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A NEW CONFEDERATION. LACKING ANY ORGANIZATIONAL FOLLOWING AND HAVING TOTALLY EXPOSED HIS POSITION, SCALIA ON THE OTHER HAND HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO SEEK THE FORMATION OF A NEW LABOR CONFEDERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY SOURCES INDICATE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY ALSO DOUBTS THE ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A NEW TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE REGIONAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR LATE THIS SPRING. IF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL, SECRETARY GENERAL FANFANI'S HAND WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND IT MIGHT BE PROPITIOUS TO ESTABLISH A NEW CONFEDERATION AT THAT TIME. IF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS LOSE BADLY, HOWEVER, AND FANFANI IS REMOVED CONDITIONS WOULD NOT BE AUSPICIOUS FOR THE LAUNCHING OF A NEW DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION. VOLPE

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